

TOWN OF PERU SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 22, 2024

BOARD PRESENT: Gail Belyea (scribe), Arthur Clifford, Jason Dolloff, Kathryn Lawrence.

BOARD ABSENT: Patrick Houghton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jackie Child, Matt Dyke, Tyler McDonald, Don Roach, Rick Vaughn.

Approve meeting notes of April 15, 2024, which were tabled for amendments.

Approve meeting notes of April 22, 2024.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Don brought an application from Dick's Sporting Goods; Arthur said he will complete it. The application is for a ten percent discount on basketball equipment for the town playground.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no bids submitted for roofing and siding the historical society building at 85 Peru Center Road. Discussion ensued on the \$20,000 raised and appropriated for this work in FY 23-24, with no "hold the balance" designation (in the event the work isn't completed). The referendum ballot for FY 24-25 has gone to the printer, so the board will consider printing a separate one-article ballot to accompany the main ballot regarding "hold the balance". No action taken.

Gail motioned, Jason seconded, to enact the new wrecker policy. The vote was 3-1, with Arthur opposed. Jason proposed compiling a list of towing companies in the area.

The board reviewed the L2 temp shelter quotes, in consideration of extending the lease. Discussion ensued about removing road department tools and other equipment from the temp shelter. Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to table further discussion to next meeting. Motion failed 2-2, Gail and Katie opposed. Gail motioned, Katie seconded, to return the temporary shelter on June 7, 2024. All in favor. Arthur will contact Duane Vaughn regarding possible use of his garage this summer.

The board plans to meet with the fire chief and the planning board on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. for a solar ordinance review.

Discussion on the budget source of the road commissioner's pay-out was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board will interview a candidate for secretary on May 6. The vice chair will contact.

A donation request from the Garry Owen House was filed.

Arthur motioned, Gail seconded, to accept the town assessor's recommendation for the market adjustment. The vote was 3-1, Katie opposed.

Andy Freeman respectfully declined to accept the 2024 Spirit of American award for the Town of Peru. A handful of other names will be considered next week.

ROUNDTABLE/REMINDERS:

Don agreed to act as moderator at the May 16 budget informational meeting at D.E.S.

Tyler said the new 5500 pick-up is at O'Connor GMC; transmission light needs attention.

Katie: ATG refunded the town \$1704 for the 2015 truck inspection sticker.

Tyler: would like the board to back the road department's request that Quik Stop go halves on 300 feet of shim on Dolloff Street this summer. No action taken.

The board asked Rick and Tyler to clean up a hole, loose soil, and rocks on the south end of the town office parking lot, caused by plowing.

The board thanked Tyler for putting a town truck at the town office parking lot over the weekend of April 20 and 21, for volunteers participating in roadside clean-up for Earth Day.

Arthur will ask Clay Berry to build new shelves in the town office vault, to hold the old hand-written town ledgers. Arthur thinks there is sufficient money in the General Administration account to pay for the shelves.

The board is considering time clocks for town employees.

General discussion was held around the amount of materials left in the town sand/salt shed. It was said the sand shed is three-fourths full; there are two truckloads of salt; and \$29,000 was spent on salt this winter. Katie mentioned it cost \$9000 to heat the temp shelter this winter, and all those bills are paid.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to enter public participation at 8:35 p.m. The vote was 2-2, Gail and Katie opposed. Motion failed.

BACK TO ROUNDTABLE:

Katie shared she had a call from Alfred Ferland. He wants some pavement at the end of his driveway. 12 loads of fill went to Mr. Child, and Mr. Ferland is looking for more when the road department is in his area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II:

Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to enter public participation at 8:40 p.m. All in favor.

Jackie asked if the road commissioner to be elected in June 2024 will be using his personal vehicle.

Jackie believes that the town should change the percentage of revenue the LPI receives when a new one is appointed.

Jackie asked if the town office has the new flagpole light. Yes, but it's not installed yet.

Jackie hopes the board can find the money for a clock with digital read-out and date in case we record meetings at a future date.

Don questioned the road department hiring process; he thinks the full board shouldn't be present at any interview.

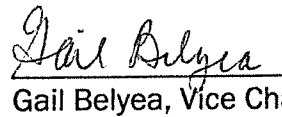
Budget process: Don asked the board to think about paying the road commissioner less and any new employee less.

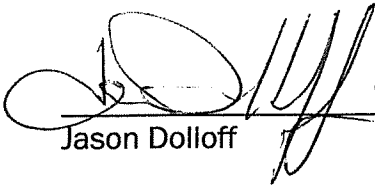
Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to exit public participation at 9:06 p.m. All in favor.

ADJOURN:

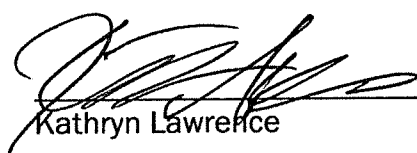
Arthur motioned, Jason seconded, to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. All in favor.

 4-29-24
Arthur Clifford, Chair Date

 4-29-24
Gail Belyea, Vice Chair Date

 4-29-24
Jason Dolloff Date

Patrick Houghton Date

 4/29/24
Kathryn Lawrence Date